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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is in response to Examiner's calls on or about January 5, 2006 and January 24, 2006.

Original claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 are canceled.

Claims 4, 5, 9 and 12-25 are pending in the application.

Applicant submits herewith a revised declaration. Exhibit A.

Claim 4 has been amended to correct the typos.

Claim 5 and 9 have been amended to correct their dependency on a cancelled claim.

The courtesies extended applicant's undersigned attorney during personal interviews on or about January 5, 2006, and January 24, 2006, regarding the stale declaration and a typo in claim 4 are appreciatively acknowledged.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this paper. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02233US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: January 26, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a copy of the Supplemental Response in a manner provided in 37 CFR 1.248, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on January 26, 2006, addressed to:

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